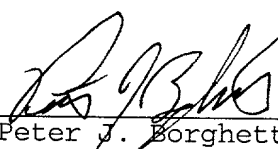


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH SUBSTITUTE OF ONE SHEET OF
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Sir:

In response to the NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION dated January 10, 2002, please find attached, herewith, a substitute sheet of drawing which is to be entered into the above-identified application for the corresponding sheet on file.

Please replace the first "FIG. 4b" with the enclosed substitute drawing labeled "FIG. 4a" to correct the typographical error without the addition of new matter. A copy of the drawing figure showing the proposed change in red is also included.

REMARKS

The application as-filed included two figures labeled "FIG 4b." The first "FIG. 4b" was a typographical error that should have read

"FIG. 4a." The verification makes this error correction obvious (see page 5, paragraph 24). No new matter issue arises by this error correction.

Applicant also respectfully requests the withdrawal of the NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION since Figure 4a described in the specification was received by the USPTO with the above-identified application on the filing date; i.e., no figure or sheet of drawing was omitted. In view thereof, no petition and petition fee are required. However, in the event a petition and petition fee should be required, please consider this document as the petition and charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 03-2410, order 06079-104.

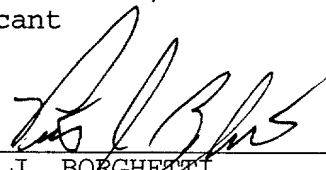
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